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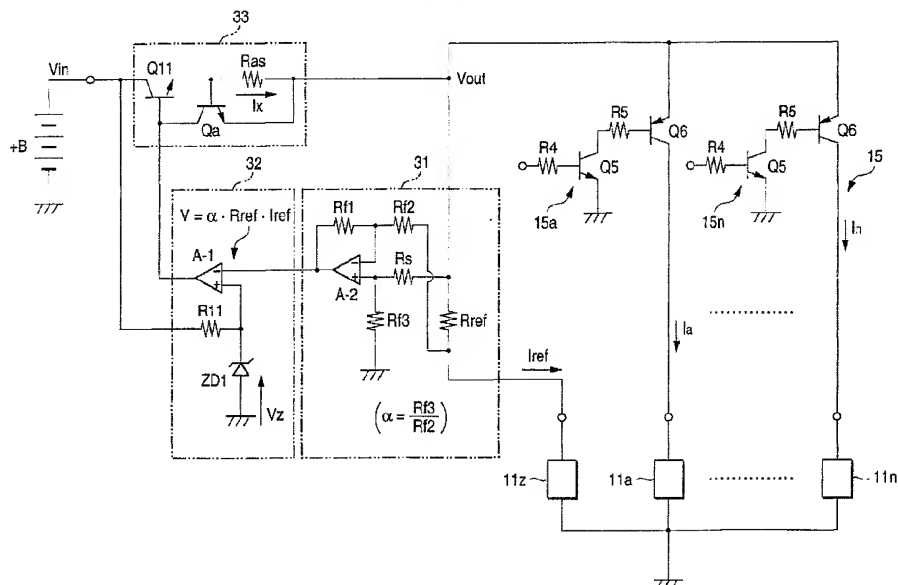
Display element drive device

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A transistor Q11 for supplying driving currents I_a to I_n to EL display elements 11a to 11n is provided in a stabilization voltage supply circuit 33. The transistor Q11 is connected to a current sensing resistor R_{as} for

detecting a collector current of the transistor Q11. When a total current I_x for driving the EL display elements rises to a certain abnormal level, a bias suppressing element Qa is turned on to thereby reduce a base-emitter bias of the transistor 11.

FIG. 1





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